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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present and analyze crime and arrest patterns in the nation's capital. This report is primarily an update of information presented in the Crime and Arrest Profile: The Nation's Capital[1] which was published in December of 1980. The presentation and interpretation of crime and arrest data within the context of prior trends and patterns existing in other jurisdictions provides a basis for public safety policy formulations. Too often, public safety policies evolve from the public perception of crime levels rather than an objective analysis of the facts. Effective crime reduction strategies are derived from information reflecting existing conditions rather than hearsay or rumor. It is hoped that a presentation and analysis of relevant crime data will facilitate a rational decision-making process in developing crime reduction strategies.

Although there are many types of crime that could be examined, this report focuses on the eight offenses which comprise the Crime Index of the Uniformed Crime Reports (UCR) maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Crime Index is composed of four offenses categorized as violent (or person) crimes (i.e., murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and four offenses classified as property crimes (i.e., burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson). These offenses are used as the major indicators of crime throughout the United States because of their[2] "seriousness, frequency of occurrence, and likelihood of being reported to police." Longitudinal trends and geographic patterns in reported crime are analyzed. Also, arrests for these offenses are examined in terms of differential arrest patterns for juveniles and adults, trends across time, and characteristics of offenders.

Data on reported offenses were obtained for the District of Columbia from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), for suburban jursidictions from the UCR divisions of the State Police Departments of Maryland and Virginia, and for selected American cities from the FBI. A major limitation on reported offense data is the failure of many individuals to report offenses. Such omissions lead to an underestimate of the incidence of crime. The failure to report has been found to occur more for some crimes (e.g., larceny-theft) than for others (e.g., robbery) based on comparisons between UCR data and data from victimization surveys conducted by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.[3] Furthermore, reporting rates for the same offense differ from one community to another depending on such factors as familiarity of residents with reporting procedures, attitudes about the police and their responsiveness to reports of crime, and public perceptions of the importance of reporting particular offenses.

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[1] Crime and Arrest Profile: The Nation's Capital, 1979. Published by the Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, December, 1980.

[2] U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports for the United States, Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1977, p.1.

[3] U.S. Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, Criminal Victimization Surveys in 13 American Cities, Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1975.

Trends in Reported Crime

Table 1 presents the number of Crime Index offenses from 1971 to 1980. Beginning in 1979, reported crime levels in the District have increased sharply after remaining relatively stable for seven years. From 1971 to 1972 there was a 25.4 percent reduction in reported Crime Index offenses. From 1972 through 1978, the number of reported Crime Index offenses ranged between 49,000 and 56,000 for each of these years. In 1979 and 1980, the number of reported Crime Index offenses increased sharply, rising in 1980 to its highest level since 1971. Between 1971 and 1980, the yearly average for reported crime index offenses was 55,526.

Table 1
Number of Reported Crime Index Offenses
in the District of Columbia, CY-1971-1980

Year	Crime Index	Violent Crime	Property Crime
1971	70,533	16,121	54,432
1972	52,625	12,617	40,008
1973	51,046	11,631	39,415
1974	54,644	11,590	43,054
1975	55,166	12,713	42,453
1976	49,726	10,399	39,327
1977	49,812	9,835	39,977
1978	50,950	9,515	41,435
1979	56,721	10,553	46,168
1980	64,035	12,772	51,263

Source: Metropolitan Police Department, "Offenses Reported Under Uniform Crime Reporting Program," March 3, 1981.

Annual rates of change of reported Crime Index offenses are presented in Table 2. There was a 12.8 percent increase in reported crime in 1980 over the previous year with violent crime increasing by 21.0 percent and property crime increasing by 10.9 percent. A close examination of these data reveal that the crimes of robbery and burglary account for a substantial portion of this increase. Over the last five years, all Crime Index categories show an increase with the exception of forcible rape which has declined by 13.6 percent. Robbery, burglary, and larceny-theft indicate substantial increases over the last five years with these Crime Index categories rising by more than 25 percent. It is important to note that all three of these Crime Index categories involve an economic motive. Although the number of reported Crime Index offenses for 1980 reached its highest level in nine years, the Crime Index level of 64,035 reported offenses for 1980 is 9.1 percent lower than the level of 70,533 reported offenses for 1971.

Table 2

Annual Rates of Change (in percents) of Reported Crime Index Offenses
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1980

Years	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[a]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
1971-72	-25.4	-21.7	-26.5	-10.9	11.0	-30.9	-1.9	-32.0	-20.4	-33.3	-
1972-73	-3.0	-7.8	-1.5	9.4	-17.7	-7.4	-7.9	-7.8	7.1	-19.0	-
1973-74	7.0	-0.4	9.2	3.4	-5.9	10.7	-21.7	19.7	9.2	-16.7	-
1974-75	1.0	9.7	-1.4	-13.4	-6.6	15.1	0.0	-6.8	3.6	-13.4	-
1975-76	-9.9	-18.2	-7.4	-21.7	-3.1	-22.9	-5.4	-9.8	-5.4	-13.1	-
1976-77	0.2	-5.4	1.7	2.1	-22.6	-5.5	-2.4	-2.4	4.6	-7.1	-
1977-78	2.3	-3.3	3.6	-1.6	13.7	-4.9	-1.9	7.8	0.4	16.5	-
1978-79	10.8	10.9	10.7	-4.8	9.4	9.3	16.4	7.6	11.9	12.9	-
1979-80	12.8	21.0	10.9	11.1	-10.2	28.6	9.2	20.9	7.8	-1.1	26.1
1971-80	-9.8	-20.8	-6.5	-27.3	-32.7	-20.7	-18.5	-13.6	15.6	-59.1	-
1976-80	28.0	22.8	29.4	6.4	-13.6	26.3	21.7	37.0	26.8	20.9	-

[a]Data for 1971-1976 include reported manslaughter by negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[b]Arson was not included in the calculations of rates of change for the Crime Index or property crime totals; since it was not classified as a Crime Index offense until 1979.

SOURCES: 1971-76: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978. 1977: Metropolitan Police Department. "Offenses Reported Under Uniform Crime Reporting Program."

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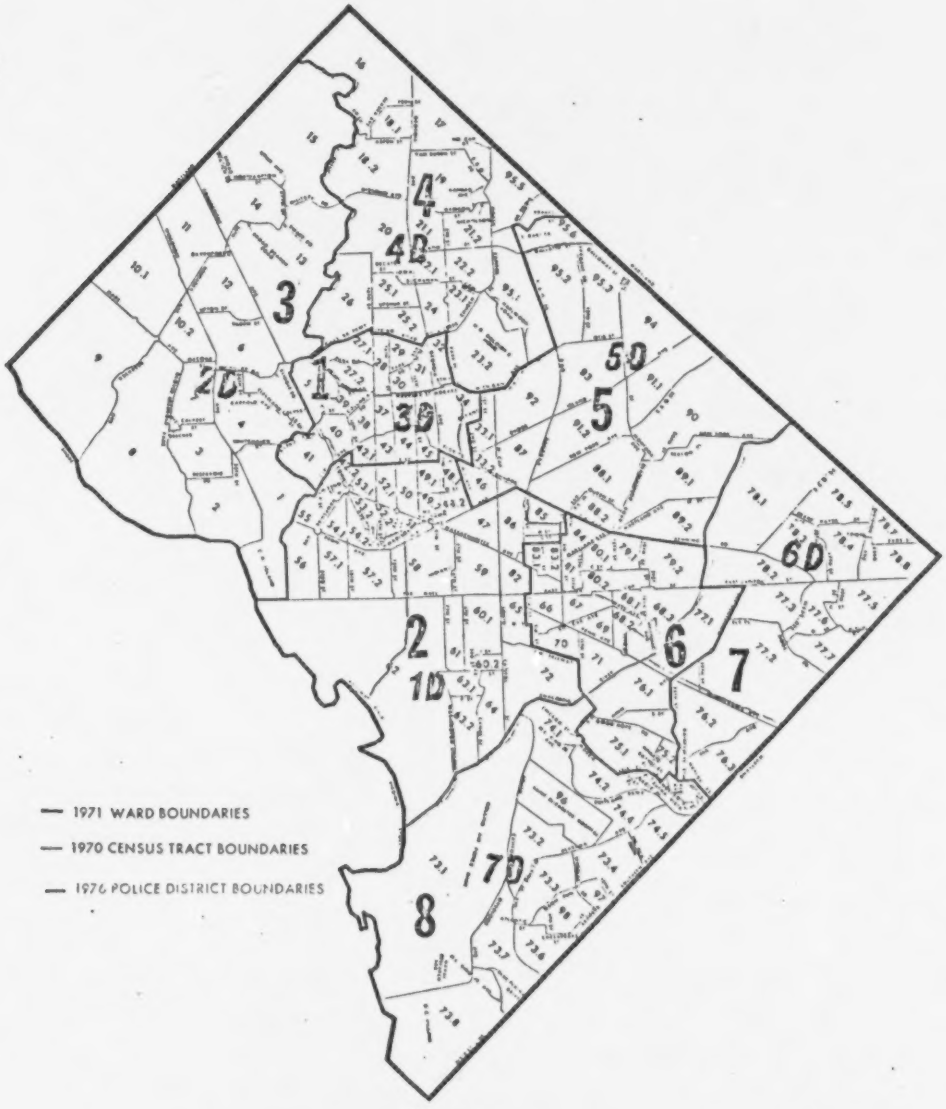
Geographic Patterns in Reported Crime

The District of Columbia is divided into seven police districts that serve as the administrative centers for recording information on offenses, responding to and investigating reports of crime, and arresting suspects.



MAP 1.1

WARDS, POLICE DISTRICTS, AND CENSUS TRACTS
IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SOURCES: OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, STATISTICAL SERVICES DIVISION, "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1970 CENSUS TRACTS AND 1971 WARDS," AUGUST 1973. METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, "MAP OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OUTLINING THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SEVEN POLICE DISTRICTS," MAY 1976.

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Figures in Table 3 indicate the number of reported Crime Index offenses by police district for CY 1980. The first police district reported the highest number of property crimes and violent crimes. Located within the first police district is census tract 58. This track is located north of the Mall between 5th and 15th Streets, N.W. and south of New York and Massachusetts Avenue. Reported crime in this census tract is nearly eight and one-half times higher than the city-wide average for other census tracts.[4] The second police district ranked second in reported property crimes and last in reported violent crimes. The third police district ranked third in reported property crimes and second in violent crimes while the fourth district ranked fifth in both categories. The fifth district ranked fourth in both categories while the sixth district ranked sixth in violent crimes and seventh in property crimes. The seventh district ranked third in violent crimes and sixth in property crimes.

Table 4 provides data on the number and rate per 1,000 of reported Crime Index offenses by ward. The District is divided into eight political units known as wards. Ward 2 which primarily encompasses the downtown areas of the District indicate the highest property and violent crime rates, followed by Ward 1 which ranked second in both crime categories, and Ward 6 which ranked third in both categories. The remaining wards approximated one another in crime rates for both violent and property crimes. Ward 3 had the lowest violent crime rate while Ward 8 indicated the lowest property crime rate. For the District, there were 101.3 reported Crime Index offenses per 1,000 residents. This Crime Index rate is comprised of a rate of 20.2 per 1,000 residents for violent crimes and a rate of 81.1 per 1,000 residents for property crimes.

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[4] A detailed analysis of crime in census tract 58 is presented in the Crime and Arrest Profile: The Nation's Capital, pages 57 through 73.

Table 3

Number of Reported Crime Index Offenses by Police District
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1980

Police District	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1	14,111	2,729	11,382	29	87	2,057	556	2,745	7,819	760	58
2	11,604	1,211	10,393	8	30	963	210	2,946	6,958	464	25
3	10,270	2,305	7,965	35	61	1,572	637	2,439	5,055	416	55
4	8,056	1,585	6,471	36	73	1,052	424	2,445	3,569	420	37
5	8,262	1,762	6,500	31	46	1,200	485	2,430	3,427	594	49
6	4,709	1,312	3,397	23	59	821	409	1,233	1,677	410	77
7	7,023	1,868	5,155	38	83	1,232	515	2,022	2,563	504	66
TOTAL	64,035	12,772	51,263	200	439	8,897	3,236	16,260	31,068	3,568	367

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, "Offenses Reported Under Uniform Crime Reporting Program," March 3, 1981.

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Table 4

Population Estimates and Number and Rate per 1,000 of Reported Crime Index Offenses by Ward in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1980

Ward		Population Estimate	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1	Total	77,400	8,531.0	1,987.0	6,544.0	36.0	65.0	1,277.0	609.0	2,312.0	3,805.0	376.0	51.0
	Rate		110.2	25.7	84.5	0.5	8.0	16.5	7.9	29.9	49.2	4.9	0.7
2	Total	72,700	20,792.0	3,555.0	17,237.0	36.0	85.0	2,647.0	787.0	3,968.0	12,010.0	1,196.0	63.0
	Rate		286.0	48.9	237.1	0.5	1.2	36.4	10.8	54.6	165.2	16.5	0.9
3	Total	88,300	5,950.0	655.0	5,295.0	5.0	19.0	512.0	119.0	1,733.0	3,325.0	220.0	17.0
	Rate		67.4	7.4	60.0	0.1	0.2	5.8	1.3	19.6	37.7	2.5	0.2
4	Total	82,900	5,169.0	888.0	4,281.0	19.0	43.0	613.0	213.0	1,557.0	2,409.0	294.0	21.0
	Rate		62.4	10.7	51.6	0.2	0.5	7.4	2.6	18.8	29.1	3.5	0.3
5	Total	81,700	6,273.0	1,188.0	5,085.0	12.0	45.0	813.0	318.0	1,846.0	2,692.0	493.0	54.0
	Rate		76.8	14.5	62.2	0.1	0.6	10.0	3.9	22.6	32.9	6.0	0.7
6	Total	73,400	7,592.0	1,824.0	5,768.0	36.0	55.0	1,340.0	393.0	2,172.0	3,167.0	398.0	31.0
	Rate		103.4	24.9	78.6	0.5	0.7	18.3	5.4	29.6	43.1	5.4	0.4
7	Total	83,400	5,367.0	1,446.0	3,921.0	25.0	67.0	938.0	416.0	1,378.0	2,022.0	484.0	37.0
	Rate		64.4	17.3	47.0	0.3	0.8	11.2	5.0	16.5	24.2	5.8	0.4
8	Total	77,900	4,877.0	1,344.0	3,533.0	25.0	63.0	846.0	410.0	1,272.0	1,727.0	378.0	56.0
	Rate		62.6	17.3	45.4	0.3	0.8	10.9	5.3	17.6	22.2	4.9	0.7
	Unknown[a]		37.0	3.0	34.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	14.0	17.0	3.0	0.0
	Total[b]	637,700	64,588.0	12,890.0	51,698.0	194.0	442.0	8,986.0	3,268.0	16,352.0	31,174.0	3,842.0	3,300
	Rate		101.3	20.2	81.1	0.3	0.7	14.1	5.1	25.6	48.9	6.0	0.5

[a] Unknown cases are those in which the geographic location of the offense is unknown and those which are unfounded cases.

[b] Population estimates for wards are provisional.

SOURCES: 1980 population estimates: Office of Planning and Development, Data Division, March 1981. Offenses: Metropolitan Police Department, published data obtained from computerized records on March 17, 1981.

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Crimes in the District of Columbia and its Suburbs

Analysis of crime in the District of Columbia and its suburbs is presented in Table 5. First, this table shows how the population is distributed, in percents, among the District of Columbia and its Maryland and Virginia suburbs. The distribution of Crime Index totals, violent crime totals, and property crime totals for the metropolitan area is also shown. The distribution of property crime more closely approximates the population distribution than violent crime totals. However, the District of Columbia has a significantly higher percentage of the violent crimes compared to its percentage of the population in the metropolitan area.

Table 5

Place	Population	Crime Index Total[a]	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total
Washington, D.C.	20.3	30.0	52.9	27.1
Maryland	45.1	43.0	34.4	44.1
Virginia	34.6	27.0	12.7	28.8
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

[a]Data collection for Arson, a new index crime has not yet been completed for smaller jurisdictions, therefore though it appears in the table it has been excluded from Property Crime totals, Crime Index totals, and rate calculations.

SOURCES: Population Estimates: District of Columbia - Office of Planning and Development," 1979 Provisional Population Estimates," May 1981. Maryland and Virginia - State Police, Uniform Crime Reporting Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation population estimates, unpublished. Reported Offenses: District of Columbia - Metropolitan Police Department, "Offenses Reported Under Uniform Crime Reporting Program", February 19, 1981. Charles County, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, Maryland - State Police, "Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting, 1979 Preliminary Annual Release," February 1981. All other Maryland jurisdictions - Federal Bureau of Investigation, "Uniform Crime Reporting Program, March 17, 1981." Virginia jurisdictions - State Police, "Crime in Virginia, 1979," in press.

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Crime Rates in Twelve Selected Cities

In Table 6 the rates of reported Crime Index offenses are presented for Washington, D.C. and eleven other cities in the United States. These cities were chosen because of their similarity to the District of Columbia in population size, density, percent of population on welfare, percent of housing built prior to 1940, the rate of increase in daytime population, and the proportion of the total metropolitan population residing in the central city. Washington, D.C. ranks eighth among the twelve cities in Crime Index rates with a ranking of five for violent crime and ten for property crimes. The District of Columbia evidenced the highest robbery rate among these twelve cities, the lowest motor vehicle theft rate, and next to the lowest rate for forcible rape. The District occupied positions in the middle of this distribution for remaining Crime Index offenses.

Table 6

Population Estimates and Number and Rate per 100,000 of Reported Crime Index Offenses[a] in Twelve Selected Cities, Calendar Year 1980

City		Population Estimate	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Ar
Baltimore	Total	786,775	76,704.0	16,571.0	60,133.0	216.0	560.0	10,020.0	5,775.0	17,659.0	36,854.0	5,620.0	-
	Rate		9,749.2	2,106.2	7,643.0	27.5	71.2	1,273.6	734.0	2,244.5	4,684.2	714.3	
Boston	Total	562,994	75,755.0	12,478.0	63,277.0	92.0	484.0	7,526.0	4,376.0	17,032.0	25,225.0	21,020.0	-
	Rate		13,455.7	2,216.4	11,239.4	16.3	86.0	1,336.8	777.3	3,025.3	4,480.5	3,733.6	
Cleveland	Total	573,822	57,602.0	11,466.0	46,136.0	265.0	703.0	6,802.0	3,696.0	17,850.0	14,100.0	14,186.0	-
	Rate		10,038.3	1,998.2	8,040.1	46.2	122.5	1,185.4	644.1	3,110.7	2,457.2	2,472.2	
Denver	Total	491,396	58,745.0	5,517.0	53,228.0	99.0	703.0	2,366.0	2,349.0	19,795.0	28,184.0	5,249.0	-
	Rate		11,954.7	1,122.7	10,832.0	20.1	143.1	481.5	478.0	4,028.3	5,735.5	1,068.2	
Milwaukee	Total	636,212	41,446.0	3,310.0	38,136.0	74.0	213.0	1,796.0	1,227.0	9,638.0	24,726.0	3,772.0	-
	Rate		6,514.5	520.3	5,994.2	11.6	33.5	282.3	192.9	1,514.9	3,886.4	592.9	
Minneapolis	Total	370,951	35,820.0	3,917.0	31,903.0	36.0	373.0	2,267.0	1,241.0	11,609.0	17,504.0	2,790.0	-
	Rate		9,656.3	1,055.9	8,600.3	9.7	100.6	611.1	334.5	3,129.5	4,718.7	752.1	
New Orleans	Total	557,482	53,575.0	8.172.0	45,403.0	218.0	588.0	4,647.0	2,719.0	14,154.0	25,668.0	5,581.0	-
	Rate		9,610.2	1,465.9	8,144.3	39.1	105.5	833.6	487.7	2,538.9	4,604.3	1,001.1	
Oakland	Total	339,288	44,152.0	7,536.0	36,616.0	132.0	434.0	4,248.0	2,722.0	13,124.0	20,093.0	3,399.0	-
	Rate		13,013.1	2,221.1	10,792.0	39.9	127.9	1,252.0	802.3	3,868.1	5,922.1	1,001.8	
San Francisco	Total	678,974	70,424.0	12,710.0	57,714.0	110.0	759.0	7,527.0	4,314.0	16,795.0	32,772.0	8,147.0	-
	Rate		10,372.1	1,871.9	8,500.2	16.2	111.8	1,108.6	635.4	2,473.6	4,826.7	1,199.9	
Seattle	Total	493,846	53,294.0	5,201.0	48,093.0	63.0	512.0	2,253.0	2,373.0	13,780.0	30,483.0	3,830.0	-
	Rate		10,791.6	1,053.2	9,738.5	12.8	103.7	456.2	480.5	2,790.3	6,172.6	775.5	
St. Louis	Total	453,085	64,631.0	10,983.0	53,648.0	225.0	392.0	5,938.0	4,428.0	20,184.0	27,043.0	6,421.0	-
	Rate		14,264.7	2,424.0	11,840.6	49.7	86.5	1,310.6	997.3	4,454.8	5,968.6	1,417.2	
Washington, D.C.	Total	637,651	63,668.0	12,772.0	50,896.0	200.0	439.0	8,897.0	3,236.0	16,260.0	31,068.0	3,568.0	-
	Rate		9,984.8	2,003.0	7,981.8	31.4	68.8	1,395.3	507.5	2,550.0	4,872.3	559.6	

[a]Since data for arson were not complete for all of the selected cities, this offense is excluded from this table. Exclusion of arson affects index totals for Washington, D.C.

SOURCES: Population Estimates: U.S. Bureau of Census, State Population Division, Office of Planning and Development, "Census of Population and Housing Advance Repo PHC-80-V", April 1, 1980. Reported offenses: Uniform Crime Reports, 1980 Preliminary Annual Release, March 1981.

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Arrest Trends

Trends in Total Arrests

Figures in Table 7 indicate the total number of arrests for Crime Index offenses in the District of Columbia from 1971-1980. For the period from 1971 to 1979, the total number of arrests rose in 1972, declined in 1973, peaked in 1974, declined to the lowest levels of the decade in 1977 and gradually increased until 1979. In 1980 there was a 6.4 percent decrease in the number of arrests for Crime Index offenses over the previous year. The District experienced a slight decline of 1.4 percent in the number of arrests for violent crimes and an 8.8 percent decline in arrests for property crimes. All Crime Index categories with the exception of aggravated assault evidenced decreases in arrests.

Juvenile Arrests

Figures in Table 8 indicate the number of juveniles arrested for Crime Index offenses in the District of Columbia from 1971-1980. Juvenile arrests peaked in 1975 and declined thereafter until 1978 when there was a slight increase. Juvenile arrests reached their lowest ten year level in 1980 as a result of a 25 percent decline in comparison with the number arrested in 1979. Most striking were significant decreases in juvenile arrests for murder, rape, burglary and larceny-theft. Juvenile arrests in all Crime Index categories declined in 1980. Juvenile arrests accounted for 21.9 percent of all arrests. In the previous years juveniles accounted for 27.4 percent of all arrests. Since 1978, the proportion of juvenile arrests in comparison with adult arrests declined by nearly 11 percent.

Adult Arrests

Figures in Table 9 show the number of adult arrests for Crime Index offenses in the District of Columbia from 1971-1980. Adult arrests rose from 1971 until 1974 when it reached its highest levels. From 1975 through 1978 adult arrests declined reaching its lowest point in 1978. Adult arrests have increased in the last two years with a 0.7 percent increase in 1980 over 1979 levels. Adult arrests for robbery increased by 9.2 percent in 1980 over the previous year while arrests for rape declined by 16.2 percent. Overall, adult arrests for violent crimes increased by 2.8 percent and arrests for property crimes declined by 0.5 percent in 1980 in comparison with 1979. Adult arrests have accounted for an increasing proportion of total arrests over the last several years, reaching its highest proportion in 1980 by accounting for 78.1 percent of all arrests.

Table 7

Number of Arrests for Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1980

Years	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[a]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
1971	12,833	5,592	7,291	229	311	2,712	2,340	2,755	3,430	1,106	-
1972	13,592	6,112	7,480	260	455	2,631	2,766	2,818	3,574	1,088	-
1973	12,524	5,676	6,848	244	336	2,592	2,504	2,364	3,390	1,094	-
1974	14,253	5,632	8,621	312	323	2,890	2,107	3,527	4,223	871	-
1975	13,875	5,634	8,241	326	280	3,061	1,967	3,063	4,359	819	-
1976	12,698	5,214	7,484	239	228	2,785	1,962	2,310	4,307	867	-
1977	10,693	4,084	6,609	196	212	1,987	1,689	1,962	3,847	800	-
1978	10,697	3,579	7,118	162	180	1,722	1,515	1,992	4,101	1,025	-
1979	11,932	3,891	8,041	173	199	1,832	1,687	2,235	4,503	1,233	70
1980	11,169	3,835	7,334	162	162	1,822	1,689	1,955	4,192	1,125	62

[a]Data for 1971-1976 include arrests for Manslaughter by Negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[b]Arson was classified as an Index Crime in 1979 and included in the Property Crime total and Crime Index total for 1979 and 1980 only.

SOURCES: 1971-76: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978. 1977-1979: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Table 8

Number of Juveniles Arrested for Crime Index Offenses
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1980

Year	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[a]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
1971	3,750	1,208	2,542	17	88	827	276	1,084	971	487	-
1972	3,752	1,123	2,629	19	122	669	313	1,031	1,134	464	-
1973	3,651	1,039	2,612	9	50	742	238	1,075	1,080	457	-
1974	3,688	984	2,704	20	76	757	131	1,424	1,023	257	-
1975	3,997	1,371	2,626	26	34	1,096	215	1,279	1,082	265	-
1976	3,752	1,340	2,412	22	38	1,016	264	1,084	1,072	256	-
1977	3,322	988	2,334	22	61	646	259	915	1,115	304	-
1978	3,568	916	2,652	16	27	601	272	1,003	1,261	388	-
1979	3,280	863	2,417	15	26	601	221	859	1,130	407	21
1980	2,453	721	1,732	8	17	478	218	577	807	340	8

[a]Data for 1971-1976 include arrests for Manslaughter by Negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[b]Arson was classified as an Index Crime in 1979 and is included in the Property Crime total and Crime Index total for 1979 and 1980 only.

SOURCES: 1971-76: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978. 1977-80: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Table 9

Number of Adults Arrested for Crime Index Offenses
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1980

Year	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[a]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
1971	9,133	4,384	4,749	212	223	1,885	2,064	1,671	2,459	619	-
1972	9,840	4,989	4,851	241	333	1,962	2,453	1,787	2,440	624	-
1973	8,873	4,637	4,236	235	286	1,850	2,266	1,289	2,310	637	-
1974	10,565	4,648	5,917	292	247	2,133	1,976	2,103	3,200	614	-
1975	9,878	4,263	5,615	300	246	1,965	1,752	1,784	3,277	554	-
1976	8,946	3,874	5,072	217	190	1,769	1,698	1,226	3,235	611	-
1977	7,371	3,096	4,275	174	151	1,341	1,430	1,047	2,732	496	-
1978	7,129	2,663	4,466	146	153	1,121	1,243	989	2,840	637	-
1979	8,652	3,028	5,624	158	173	1,231	1,466	1,376	3,373	826	49
1980	8,716	3,114	5,602	154	145	1,344	1,471	1,378	3,385	785	54

[a]Data for 1971-1976 include arrests for Manslaughter by Negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[b]Arson was classified as an Index Crime in 1979 and is included in the Property Crime total and Crime Index total for 1979 and 1980 only.

SOURCES: 1971-76: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978. 1977-80: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Profile of Arrestees

The District's total population is approximately 45 percent male and 55 percent female. In contrast, males accounted for 87.9 percent of the arrestee population. Males between the ages of fifteen and nineteen accounted for 25.6 percent of all arrests. Eighteen years was the modal age in 1980 for arrestees which is indicative of a significant shift in the age of the arrestee population. In the two prior years, fifteen years was the modal age for arrestees. Arrestees whose ages range up to twenty-five years accounted for 58.6 percent of all arrests while arrestees under the age of thirty accounted for 76.4 percent of all arrests. Although arrests for adult males were numerically greater than those for males under the age of 18 years, the arrest rate for this segment of the population was substantially higher.

Non-white males comprised 81.0 percent of the adult arrestee population, while non-white females accounted for 11.1 percent of this population. White males and White females together accounted for 7.8 percent of the adult arrestee population. The figures are comparable with those reported in the last several years[5].

Juveniles account for a proportionately higher number of arrests for burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft while adult arrests were proportionately higher for murder, rape, aggravated assault and robbery. Females accounted for 10.1 percent of arrests for Crime Index violent crimes as compared with 12.7 percent for Crime Index property crimes.

As shown in Table 10, males between the ages of fifteen and nineteen years accounted for 2,862 Crime Index arrests or 25.6 percent of the total number of arrests for Crime Index offenses. Males under the age of thirty comprised 68.0 percent of the total arrestee population. For violent crime, males under the age of thirty accounted for 65.8 percent of the arrests while accounting for 69.0 percent of property crime arrests.

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[5] Crime and Arrest Profile: The Nation's Capital, Table 25, page 98.

Table 10

Number of Juveniles and Adults Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Age in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1980

Sex and Age	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
Male											
7-10	39	15	24	0	0	10	5	10	13	1	0
11-14	682	192	490	0	4	124	64	201	213	75	1
15-19[a]	2,862	921	1,941	18	26	673	204	609	918	407	7
20-24	2,307	802	1,505	38	45	423	296	441	814	243	7
25-29	1,699	593	1,106	34	40	282	237	315	637	146	8
30-34	956	349	607	20	21	119	189	160	365	77	5
35-39	440	182	258	10	10	45	117	57	158	37	6
40-44	325	136	189	11	8	18	99	33	141	14	1
45-49	198	85	113	8	3	7	67	21	74	12	6
50-54	124	61	63	2	3	5	51	15	45	3	0
55-59	92	53	39	2	0	3	48	3	30	4	2
60-64	34	16	18	1	1	0	14	1	15	1	1
65+	30	17	13	2	0	0	15	2	10	0	1
Unknown	50	21	29	0	1	11	9	9	18	2	0
TOTAL	9,838	3,443	6,395	146	162	1,720	1,415	1,877	3,451	1,022	45
Female											
7-10	11	3	8	0	0	1	2	5	2	0	1
11-14	79	26	53	0	0	7	19	12	37	4	0
15-19	279	77	202	3	0	23	51	14	148	37	3
20-24	315	84	231	5	0	33	46	15	187	26	3
25-29	266	67	199	0	0	27	42	17	161	21	0
30-34	169	47	122	5	0	7	35	8	101	10	3
35-39	75	31	44	1	0	3	27	3	37	0	4
40-44	42	17	25	1	0	1	15	0	22	1	2
45-49	35	13	22	0	0	0	13	1	17	3	1
50-54	16	4	12	0	0	0	4	0	12	0	0
55-59	17	10	7	0	0	0	10	1	6	0	0
60-64	13	6	7	0	0	0	6	0	7	0	0
65+	6	5	1	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0
Unknown	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
TOTAL	1,327	390	937	16	0	102	274	77	740	103	17
GRAND TOTAL	11,165	3,833	7,332	162	162	1,822	1,689	1,954	4,191	1,125	62

[a]This category contains one male aged 18-20 arrested as a juvenile and prosecuted under the Youth Corrections Act.

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Selected Analyses

Violent Crimes and Type of Weapon

In recent years much public attention has been focused on the use of firearms in the commission of crime. Table 11 reports on the number and percent of reported violent crime by type of weapon.

For all Crime Index violent offenses for which the weapon used was identified, 42.0 percent involved the use of firearms. Either a handgun, rifle, or shotgun was used in 55.5 percent of reported homicides, 48.2 percent of reported robberies, and 32.5 percent of reported aggravated assault. A knife or cutting instrument was the next most frequently used weapon in the commission of a violent crime. The rate of firearm use in the commission of violent crime increased in 1980 over 1979 levels when only 36.4 percent of reported violent crimes in which weapon use was identified involved the use of firearms.

Table 11

Number and Percent of Reported Violent Crime by Type of Weapon
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1980

Type of Weapon[a]	Violent Crime Total[b]		Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter		Robbery		Aggravated Assault	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Handgun	4,878	39.5	98	47.6	3,846	43.2	934	28.9
Rifle or Shotgun	304	2.5	6	2.9	180	2.0	118	3.6
Knife or Cutting Instrument	1,491	12.1	34	16.5	573	6.4	884	27.3
Bodily Force	3,625	29.4	7	3.4	3,445	38.7	173	5.3
Other Object	1,559	12.6	18	8.7	520	5.8	1,021	31.6
Weapon Unknown	482	3.9	43	20.9	333	3.7	106	3.3
TOTAL	12,339	100.0	206	100.0	8,897	99.8	3,236	100.0

[a]The following classification was used: Handgun - pressure gun, revolver or pistol, .45, .32, .38, and .22 caliber pistol: Rifle or Shotgun - air rifle, rifle, and shotgun; Knife or Cutting Instrument - axe, cleaver, fork, hatchet, ice pick, knife; Bodily Force - hands, fists, teeth, etc.; Other Object - can opener, baton, blackjack, blunt instrument, bottle, brass knuckles, bricks, clubs, fire, flat iron, fountain pen, gas gun, hammer, hot water, iron pipe, lamp, ash tray, shovel, stick, stone, toy, glass, chair, dish, other where weapon known.

[b]Forcible Rape is excluded since the type of weapon used in the commission of this offense is not recorded in the Metropolitan Police Department's Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, "Property Attacked, Method, Weapon, Property Stolen," March 6, 1981.

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Reported Drug Offenses and Arrests

In recent months the District has experienced an upsurge in the use of illicit substances. Of particular concern has been the increase in heroin use because of its relationship to the incidence of crime. Table 12 presents the number of reported violations of drug laws and the number of adult and juvenile arrests for these violations from 1977 to 1980. These violations include possession and/or distribution of illicit substances.

Table 12
Number of Reported Offenses, Adult Arrests and Juvenile Arrests for Violation of Drug Laws in the District of Columbia, CY 1977-1980

Year	Reported Offenses	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	Total Arrests
1977	2,125	2,384	221	2,605
1978	2,643	2,830	280	3,110
1979	3,443	3,915	335	4,250
1980	3,567	4,241	315	4,556

Source: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

Since 1977 there has been a marked increase in both reported violations of drug laws and in arrests for these violations. The number of reported drug law violations has increased by 67.8 percent from 1977 to 1980. The number of total arrests for drug law violations increased by 74.9 percent during this same period. Adult arrests accounted for most of this rise by increasing 77.9 percent from 1977 to 1980. Juvenile arrests for drug law violations peaked in 1979 and declined slightly in 1980. However, from 1977 to 1980 juvenile arrests for these violations show an increase of 42.5 percent. The increase in reported drug law violations over the past several years corresponds to increases in reported Crime Index offenses.

Summary

Crime in the Nation's Capital has steadily increased since 1977. The Crime Index offenses of burglary, robbery and larceny-theft have accounted for most of this increase. These crimes share in their underlying motive of economic gain. The District's rise in reported crime is part of a national trend. In relative terms, the District remains less crime ridden than most jurisdictions of comparable size. The District tends to have fewer reported rapes and motor vehicle thefts than other urban centers while reporting proportionately more robberies. Since 1976 reported burglaries in the District have shown the largest increase, rising by 37.0 percent, while reported rapes have declined by 13.6 percent during this same period. The number of Crime Index offenses increased by 12.8 percent in 1980 over the previous year. This increase was primarily due to a 28.6 percent increase in reported robbery and 20.9 percent in reported burglary. In 1980, all Crime Index categories increased with the exception of forcible rape and motor vehicle theft. The violent crime total increased by 21.0 percent and the property crime total increased by 10.9 percent.

While the number of reported Crime Index offenses in the District increased by 28.0 percent from 1976 to 1980, the number of arrests for Crime Index offenses actually declined by 13.7 percent. Much of this decrease is accounted for by a 52.9 percent decrease in juvenile arrests during this same period.

The socio-demographic characteristics of the arrestee population fluctuated only slightly over the last five years with the gender and racial proportions of the arrestee population showing very little change. There was a shift in the age structure of the arrestee population. Prior to 1977, the modal age for arrestees charged with Crime Index offenses ranged from sixteen to eighteen years. In 1978 and 1979 the modal age for arrestees charged with Crime Index offenses was fifteen years. In 1979 juveniles comprised 27.4 percent of the arrestee population, while in 1980 only comprising 21.9 percent of those arrested for Crime Index offenses. Males account for 87.9 percent of the arrestee population. Non-white males and females comprised 92.2 percent of the arrestee population.

The use of firearms during the commission of Crime Index offenses increased numerically as well as proportionately in terms of the percentage of firearm use involved in violent offenses. In 1980 there were 4,878 offenses in which handguns were used and an additional 304 offenses involving either a rifle or a shotgun. Firearms were used in 42.0 percent of reported violent offenses in 1980 as compared with 36.4 percent in 1979.

Arrests for violation of drug laws have steadily increased in the District since 1977. Adult arrests for these crimes have increased by 77.9 percent from 1977 to 1980. Juvenile arrests for violation of drug laws increased from 1977 to 1979 and subsequently declined in 1980. There were a total of 4,536 arrests for violation of drug laws in the District in 1980 with adults accounting for 4,241 of these arrests and juveniles accounting for the remaining 315 arrests.

Crime trends discussed in this report indicate a pattern of increases in reported offenses that share in the underlying motive of economic gain. Sharp increases in the number of reported robberies and burglaries are evidence of this emerging pattern. Increases in arrests for violation of drug laws may bear some relationship to the reported increases in the number of burglaries and robberies which are frequently associated with drug use.

Youth involvement in serious offenses seems to have peaked in 1979 and in 1980 for the first time in several years, the number of juvenile arrests declined and the modal age for arrestees rose from fifteen years to eighteen years.

Appendix

Census Tract Reported Crime Data

Table 1.A

Number of Reported Crime Index Offenses by Census Tract
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1980

Census Tract	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
01.0	989	145	844	3	6	113	23	190	614	39	1
02.0	922	108	814	-	6	68	34	180	581	52	1
03.0	172	15	157	-	-	13	2	58	78	20	1
04.0	207	19	188	-	-	12	7	68	103	16	1
05.0	511	50	461	-	-	45	5	153	292	13	3
06.0	268	33	235	-	3	26	4	102	126	7	-
07.0	212	29	183	1	2	21	5	58	118	7	-
08.0	276	20	256	-	-	14	6	116	120	16	4
09.0	198	14	184	1	-	11	2	104	74	4	2
10.1	555	37	518	-	-	30	7	134	370	14	-
10.2	150	27	123	-	2	20	5	27	91	3	2
11.0	393	42	351	-	-	37	5	113	230	7	1
12.0	328	49	279	-	-	42	7	110	163	6	-
13.0	370	43	327	-	-	41	2	121	200	5	1
14.0	257	20	237	-	-	17	3	108	123	6	-
15.0	142	4	138	-	-	2	2	91	42	5	-
16.0	263	21	242	1	1	16	3	148	83	8	3
17.0	490	81	409	1	3	70	7	135	242	30	2
18.1	13	2	11	1	-	1	-	2	9	-	-
18.2	443	87	356	1	8	60	18	126	205	25	-
19.0	532	94	438	2	4	64	24	145	248	45	-
20.0	486	117	369	2	3	88	24	144	197	27	1
21.1	313	73	240	2	7	44	20	109	110	20	1
21.2	269	49	220	1	3	29	16	105	95	17	3
22.1	119	26	93	1	1	17	7	34	48	11	-
22.2	161	24	137	-	1	15	8	54	72	10	1
23.1	136	30	106	1	1	18	10	42	51	13	-
23.2	253	29	224	4	1	18	6	24	185	15	-
24.0	310	70	240	-	2	49	19	75	146	17	2
25.1	236	31	205	-	-	19	12	75	115	13	2
25.2	454	69	385	1	2	40	26	122	247	11	5
26.0	143	16	127	-	2	13	1	49	72	6	-
27.1	335	62	273	2	1	46	13	131	123	19	-
27.2	538	128	410	2	5	85	36	186	197	25	2
28.0	744	202	542	7	4	121	70	200	309	26	7
29.0	239	67	172	1	1	40	25	67	86	16	3
30.0	229	63	166	1	4	33	25	72	81	12	1
31.0	275	68	207	1	7	40	20	88	97	22	-
32.0	287	61	226	1	6	37	17	95	119	8	4
33.1	176	35	141	-	1	25	9	63	59	19	-
33.2	145	51	94	2	-	39	10	59	27	7	1

Table 1.A (cont.)

Census Tract	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
34.0	896	127	769	-	2	96	29	202	520	42	5
35.0	442	98	344	-	6	66	26	120	202	19	3
36.0	414	127	287	2	7	70	48	165	106	15	1
37.0	378	113	265	2	6	70	35	97	142	21	5
38.0	675	155	520	4	3	106	42	121	375	20	4
39.0	657	97	560	1	3	74	19	121	415	23	1
40.0	795	134	661	1	-	100	33	209	424	25	3
41.0	190	22	168	-	-	19	3	63	91	13	1
42.1	407	75	332	-	2	52	21	117	198	15	2
42.2	554	57	497	-	3	47	7	142	337	18	-
43.0	356	100	256	1	3	61	35	103	133	17	3
44.0	385	178	207	3	2	97	76	85	97	20	5
45.0	289	110	179	7	3	64	36	70	90	18	1
46.0	15	134	381	1	10	83	40	172	170	22	17
47.0	691	150	541	2	10	87	51	158	334	41	8
48.1	315	108	207	2	2	64	40	93	91	19	4
48.2	393	125	268	3	4	68	50	120	124	22	2
49.1	487	123	364	3	4	82	34	80	256	24	4
49.2	407	154	253	7	3	92	52	91	137	22	3
50.0	937	286	651	2	7	208	69	201	388	54	8
51.0	1,386	354	1,032	-	2	293	59	272	658	100	2
52.1	747	177	570	1	3	131	42	156	387	24	3
52.2	468	54	414	-	1	46	7	115	268	31	-
53.1	610	96	514	1	5	74	16	146	346	22	-
53.2	1,122	84	1,038	-	2	76	6	279	682	77	-
54.1	1,113	77	1,036	-	3	61	13	235	747	52	2
54.2	1,155	70	1,085	-	-	65	5	229	794	61	1
55.0	785	101	684	-	3	77	21	194	445	45	-
56.0	390	43	347	-	1	36	6	108	216	21	2
57.1	477	46	431	-	1	40	5	67	334	28	2
57.2	271	34	237	1	2	18	13	39	188	10	-
58.0	3,610	632	2,978	5	6	524	97	456	2,341	178	3
59.0	637	72	565	1	6	46	19	74	432	58	1
60.1	579	69	510	-	4	59	6	97	365	48	-
60.2	219	34	185	1	3	17	13	27	140	18	-
61.0	468	66	402	2	1	59	4	65	316	20	1
62.0	424	32	392	-	-	23	9	44	315	31	2
63.1	341	71	270	-	1	62	8	67	178	23	2
63.2	11	1	10	-	-	-	1	1	9	-	-
64.0	350	60	290	-	3	27	30	101	175	10	4
65.0	486	57	429	-	5	47	5	100	311	16	2
66.0	382	95	287	-	5	78	12	115	163	9	-
67.0	463	128	335	2	5	103	18	108	209	18	-
68.1	122	43	79	1	1	32	9	38	33	7	1
68.2	154	22	132	-	1	17	4	61	61	10	-
68.3	138	16	122	1	-	9	6	13	91	18	-

Table 1.A (cont.)

Census Tract	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
69.0	359	86	273	1	2	71	12	105	156	10	2
70.0	603	125	478	2	1	101	21	133	310	34	1
71.0	374	141	233	1	3	112	25	76	139	15	3
72.0	765	139	626	2	4	97	36	82	483	58	3
73.1	85	2	83	-	-	2	-	18	55	10	-
73.2	486	147	339	5	7	100	35	139	167	30	3
73.3	369	96	273	1	8	62	25	134	107	29	3
73.4	211	43	168	1	4	25	13	62	86	17	3
73.6	480	145	335	3	6	93	43	141	150	35	9
73.7	537	130	407	2	6	95	27	210	157	37	3
73.8	34	2	32	-	-	-	2	8	20	4	-
74.1	345	106	239	2	3	67	34	85	127	23	4
74.2	748	193	555	2	14	124	53	214	255	77	9
74.4	269	81	188	3	3	36	39	75	87	22	4
74.5	437	114	323	1	3	79	31	106	180	34	3
75.1	540	148	392	4	8	88	48	169	187	34	2
75.2	266	63	203	2	1	45	15	103	83	15	2
76.1	377	106	271	3	3	79	21	113	117	37	4
76.2	583	120	463	2	7	98	13	159	247	56	1
76.3	481	108	373	1	4	84	19	121	215	36	1
77.1	379	94	285	1	4	68	21	143	111	28	3
77.2	312	66	246	3	1	52	10	95	111	38	2
77.3	444	134	310	2	6	82	44	168	111	26	5
77.5	557	144	413	1	8	73	62	136	199	74	4
77.6	285	82	203	1	8	47	26	92	86	18	7
77.7	269	64	205	-	2	44	18	48	126	30	1
78.1	418	139	279	1	6	80	52	101	139	35	4
78.2	462	119	343	3	8	85	23	77	236	29	1
78.3	324	100	224	1	2	63	34	91	109	20	4
78.4	316	101	215	2	6	62	31	80	109	23	3
78.5	367	103	264	2	2	62	37	86	153	24	1
78.7	149	30	119	-	2	19	9	50	50	18	1
78.8	400	136	264	6	5	87	38	74	131	57	2
79.1	229	71	158	3	2	42	24	65	66	26	1
79.2	176	42	134	3	3	30	6	45	75	12	2
80.1	219	69	150	1	1	44	23	67	75	8	-
80.2	276	82	194	4	-	58	20	78	101	15	-
81.0	287	53	234	-	1	40	12	107	110	17	-
82.0	383	45	338	1	2	36	6	96	225	17	-
83.1	529	90	439	3	1	73	13	182	233	23	1
83.2	365	82	283	1	2	63	16	109	162	11	1
84.0	485	166	319	2	4	104	56	146	149	18	6
85.0	640	171	469	1	1	117	52	169	257	39	4
86.0	440	69	371	2	-	51	16	60	267	42	2
87.0	401	90	311	-	1	57	32	133	147	28	3
88.1	710	105	605	3	4	57	41	221	302	80	2

Table 1.A (cont.)

Census Tract	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
88.2	305	80	225	-	4	46	30	99	107	17	2
89.1	175	30	145	-	1	20	9	57	68	20	-
89.2	277	81	196	1	2	53	25	59	118	17	2
90.0	609	80	529	-	2	65	13	170	307	50	2
91.1	264	43	221	-	4	29	10	77	125	19	-
91.2	408	72	336	1	5	53	13	99	198	36	3
92.0	561	93	468	1	5	60	27	144	256	48	20
93.0	622	108	514	1	2	80	25	179	287	48	-
94.0	294	56	238	1	-	49	6	101	122	15	-
95.1	312	33	279	1	3	20	9	96	166	16	1
95.2	318	41	277	1	2	29	9	93	157	25	2
95.3	152	15	137	-	-	9	6	44	82	11	-
95.5	236	36	200	-	1	32	3	72	118	10	-
95.6	341	74	267	-	2	59	13	76	160	21	-
96.0	117	24	93	1	-	17	6	4	85	4	-
97.0	363	103	260	-	4	60	39	83	148	26	3
98.0	396	158	238	4	5	86	63	93	103	30	12
Unknown	37	3	34	-	-	-	3	14	17	3	-
TOTAL	64,588	12,890	51,698	194	442	8,386	3,268	16,352	31,174	3,842	330

[a]Unknown cases are those in which the geographic location of the offense is unknown and those which are unfounded cases.

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data obtained from computerized records on March 17, 1981.
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Table 2.A

Population Estimates and Rates of Reported Crime Index Offenses per 1,000 Residents by Census Tract in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1980

Census Tract	Total Population	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
01.0	4,744	208.5	30.6	177.9	0.6	1.3	23.8	4.8	40.1	129.4	8.2	0.2
02.0	3,224	286.0	33.5	252.5	0.0	1.9	21.1	10.5	55.8	180.2	16.1	0.3
03.0	5,240	32.8	2.9	30.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.4	11.1	14.9	3.8	0.2
04.0	1,561	132.6	12.2	120.4	0.0	0.0	7.7	4.5	43.6	66.0	10.2	0.6
05.0	6,233	82.0	8.0	74.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	0.8	24.5	46.8	2.1	0.5
06.0	4,551	58.9	7.3	51.6	0.0	0.7	5.7	0.9	22.4	27.7	1.5	0.0
07.0	8,398	25.2	3.5	21.8	0.1	0.2	2.5	0.6	6.9	14.1	0.8	0.0
08.0	6,726	41.0	3.0	38.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.9	17.2	17.8	2.4	0.6
09.0	7,479	26.5	1.9	24.6	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.3	13.9	9.9	0.5	0.3
10.1	6,267	88.6	5.9	82.7	0.0	0.0	4.8	1.1	21.4	59.0	2.2	0.0
10.2	2,071	72.4	13.0	59.4	0.0	1.0	9.7	2.4	13.0	43.9	1.4	1.0
11.0	4,567	86.1	9.2	76.9	0.0	0.0	8.1	1.1	24.7	50.4	1.5	0.2
12.0	4,910	66.8	10.0	56.8	0.0	0.0	8.6	1.4	22.4	33.2	1.2	0.0
13.0	11,881	31.1	3.6	27.5	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.2	10.2	16.8	0.4	0.1
14.0	6,336	40.6	3.2	37.4	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.5	17.0	19.4	0.9	0.0
15.0	5,579	25.5	0.7	24.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	16.3	7.5	0.9	0.0
16.0	5,101	51.6	4.1	47.4	0.2	0.2	3.1	0.6	29.0	16.3	1.6	0.6
17.0	6,042	81.1	13.4	67.7	0.2	0.5	11.6	1.2	22.3	40.1	5.0	0.3
18.1	724	18.0	2.8	15.2	1.4	0.0	1.4	0.0	2.8	12.4	0.0	0.0
18.2	7,053	62.8	12.3	50.5	0.1	1.1	8.5	2.6	17.9	29.1	3.5	0.0
19.0	7,558	70.4	12.4	58.0	0.3	0.5	8.5	3.2	19.2	32.8	6.0	0.0
20.0	6,812	71.3	17.2	54.2	0.3	0.4	12.9	3.5	21.1	28.9	4.0	0.1
21.1	5,816	53.8	12.6	41.3	0.3	1.2	7.6	3.4	18.7	18.9	3.4	0.2
21.2	5,545	48.5	8.8	39.7	0.2	0.5	5.2	2.9	18.9	17.1	3.1	0.5
22.1	4,008	29.7	6.5	23.2	0.2	0.2	4.2	1.7	8.5	12.0	2.7	0.0
22.2	3,520	45.7	6.8	38.9	0.0	0.3	4.3	2.3	15.3	20.5	2.8	0.3
23.1	3,730	36.5	8.0	28.4	0.3	0.3	4.8	2.7	11.3	13.7	3.5	0.0
23.2	2,959	85.5	9.8	75.7	1.4	0.3	6.1	2.0	8.1	62.5	5.1	0.0
24.0	4,230	73.3	16.5	56.7	0.0	0.5	11.6	4.5	17.7	34.5	4.0	0.5
25.1	2,690	87.7	11.5	76.2	0.0	0.0	7.1	4.5	27.9	42.8	4.8	0.7
25.2	4,910	92.5	14.1	78.4	0.2	0.4	8.1	5.3	24.8	50.3	2.2	1.0
26.0	2,351	60.8	6.8	54.0	0.0	0.9	5.5	0.4	20.8	30.6	2.6	0.0
27.1	4,575	73.2	13.6	59.7	0.4	0.2	10.1	2.8	28.6	26.9	4.2	0.0
27.2	5,437	99.0	23.5	75.4	0.4	0.9	15.6	6.6	34.2	36.2	4.6	0.4
28.0	6,492	114.6	31.1	83.5	1.1	0.6	18.6	10.8	30.8	47.6	4.0	1.1
29.0	4,227	56.5	15.9	40.7	0.2	0.2	9.5	5.9	15.9	20.3	3.8	0.7
30.0	1,313	174.4	48.0	126.4	0.8	3.0	25.1	19.0	54.8	61.7	9.1	0.8
31.0	3,035	90.0	22.4	68.2	0.3	2.3	13.2	6.6	29.0	32.0	7.2	0.0
32.0	5,165	55.6	11.8	43.8	0.2	1.2	7.2	3.3	18.4	23.0	1.5	0.8
33.1	3,683	47.8	9.5	38.3	0.0	0.3	6.8	2.4	17.1	16.0	5.2	0.0
33.2	2,794	51.9	18.3	33.6	0.7	0.0	14.0	3.6	21.1	9.7	2.5	0.4

Table 2.A (cont.)

Census Tract	Total Population	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
34.0	4,808	186.4	26.4	159.9	0.0	0.4	20.0	6.0	42.0	108.2	8.7	1.0
35.0	2,646	167.0	37.0	130.0	0.0	2.3	24.9	9.8	45.4	76.3	7.2	1.1
36.0	4,974	83.2	25.5	57.7	0.4	1.4	14.1	9.7	33.2	21.3	3.0	0.2
37.0	4,764	79.3	23.7	55.6	0.4	1.3	14.7	7.3	20.4	29.8	4.4	1.0
38.0	4,108	164.3	37.7	126.6	1.0	0.7	25.8	10.2	29.5	91.3	4.9	1.0
39.0	5,223	125.8	18.6	107.2	0.2	0.6	14.2	3.6	23.2	79.5	4.4	0.2
40.0	6,021	132.0	22.3	109.8	0.2	0.0	16.6	5.5	34.7	70.4	4.2	0.5
41.0	2,797	67.9	7.9	60.1	0.0	0.0	6.8	1.1	22.5	32.5	4.6	0.4
42.1	3,724	109.3	20.1	89.2	0.0	0.5	14.0	5.6	31.4	53.2	4.0	0.5
42.2	2,920	189.7	19.5	170.2	0.0	1.0	16.1	2.4	48.6	115.4	6.2	0.0
43.0	3,095	115.0	32.3	82.7	0.3	1.0	13.7	19.7	33.3	43.0	5.5	1.0
44.0	2,028	189.8	87.8	102.1	1.5	1.0	47.8	37.5	41.9	47.8	9.9	2.5
45.0	1,567	184.4	70.2	114.2	4.5	1.9	40.8	23.0	44.7	57.4	11.5	0.6
46.0	3,349	153.8	40.0	113.8	0.3	3.0	24.8	11.9	51.4	50.8	6.6	5.1
47.0	4,218	163.8	35.6	128.3	0.5	2.4	20.6	12.1	37.5	79.2	9.7	1.0
48.1	2,089	150.8	51.7	99.1	1.0	1.0	30.6	19.1	44.5	43.6	9.1	1.9
48.2	3,005	130.8	41.6	89.2	1.0	1.3	22.6	16.6	39.9	41.3	7.3	0.7
49.1	2,325	209.5	52.9	156.6	1.3	1.7	35.3	14.6	34.4	110.1	10.3	1.7
49.2	1,745	233.2	88.3	145.0	4.0	1.7	52.7	29.8	52.1	78.5	12.6	1.7
50.0	5,439	172.3	52.6	119.7	0.4	1.3	38.2	12.7	37.0	71.3	9.9	1.5
51.0	1,218	1,137.9	290.6	847.3	0.0	1.6	240.6	48.4	223.3	540.2	82.1	1.6
52.1	3,974	188.0	44.5	143.4	0.3	0.8	33.0	10.6	39.3	97.4	6.0	0.8
52.2	591	791.9	91.4	700.5	0.0	1.7	77.8	11.8	194.6	453.5	52.5	0.0
53.1	4,636	131.6	20.7	110.9	0.2	1.1	16.0	3.5	31.5	74.6	4.7	0.0
53.2	334	3,359.3	251.5	3,107.8	0.0	6.0	227.5	18.0	835.3	2,041.9	230.5	0.0
54.1	1,680	662.5	45.8	616.7	0.0	1.8	36.3	7.7	139.9	444.6	31.0	1.2
54.2	136	8,492.6	514.7	7,977.7	0.0	0.0	477.9	36.8	1,683.8	5,838.2	448.5	7.4
55.0	3,973	197.6	25.4	172.2	0.0	0.8	19.4	5.3	48.8	112.0	11.3	0.0
56.0	4,965	78.5	8.7	69.9	0.0	0.2	7.3	1.2	21.8	43.5	4.2	0.4
57.1	4,412	108.1	10.4	97.7	0.0	0.2	9.1	1.1	15.2	75.7	6.3	0.5
57.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58.0	1,157	3,120.1	546.2	2,573.9	4.3	5.2	452.9	83.8	394.1	2,023.3	153.8	2.6
59.0	1,112	572.8	64.7	508.1	0.9	5.4	41.4	17.1	66.5	388.5	52.2	0.9
60.1	2,473	234.1	27.9	206.2	0.0	1.6	23.9	2.4	39.2	147.6	19.4	0.0
60.2	799	274.1	42.6	231.5	1.3	3.8	21.3	16.3	33.8	175.2	22.5	0.0
61.0	1,875	249.6	35.2	214.4	1.1	0.5	31.5	2.1	34.7	168.5	10.7	0.5
62.0	67	6,328.4	477.6	5,850.7	0.0	0.0	343.3	134.3	656.7	4,701.5	462.7	29.9
63.1	3,379	100.9	21.0	79.9	0.0	0.3	18.3	2.4	19.8	52.7	6.8	0.6
63.2	340	32.4	2.9	29.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	2.9	26.5	0.0	0.0
64.0	3,373	103.8	17.8	86.0	0.0	0.9	8.0	8.9	29.9	51.9	0.0	1.2
65.0	2,573	188.9	22.2	166.7	0.0	1.9	18.3	1.9	38.9	120.9	6.2	0.8
66.0	1,988	192.2	47.8	144.4	0.0	2.5	39.2	6.0	57.8	82.0	4.5	0.0
67.0	3,744	123.7	34.2	89.5	0.5	1.3	27.5	4.8	28.8	55.8	4.8	0.0
68.1	2,811	43.4	15.3	28.1	0.4	0.4	11.4	3.2	13.5	11.7	2.5	0.4
68.2	2,679	57.5	8.2	49.3	0.0	0.4	6.3	1.5	22.8	22.8	3.6	0.0
68.3	2,028	68.0	7.9	60.2	0.5	0.0	4.4	3.0	6.4	44.9	8.9	0.0

Table 2.A (cont.)

Census Tract	Total Population	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
69.0	2,532	141.8	34.0	107.8	0.4	0.8	28.0	4.7	41.5	61.6	3.9	0.8
70.0	2,705	222.9	46.2	176.7	0.7	0.4	37.3	7.8	49.2	114.6	12.6	0.4
71.0	3,274	14.2	43.1	71.2	0.3	0.9	34.2	7.6	23.2	42.5	4.6	0.9
72.0	3,056	250.3	45.5	204.8	0.7	1.3	31.7	11.8	26.8	158.0	19.0	1.0
73.1	7,040	12.1	0.3	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.6	7.8	1.4	0.0
73.2	4,535	107.2	32.4	74.8	1.1	1.5	22.1	7.7	30.7	36.8	6.6	0.7
73.3	5,773	63.9	16.6	47.3	0.2	1.4	10.7	4.3	23.2	18.5	5.0	0.5
73.4	4,052	52.1	10.6	41.5	0.2	1.0	6.2	3.2	15.3	21.2	4.2	0.7
73.6	8,211	58.5	17.7	40.8	0.4	0.7	11.3	5.2	17.2	18.3	4.3	1.1
73.7	6,498	82.6	20.0	62.6	0.3	0.9	14.6	4.2	32.3	24.2	5.7	0.5
73.8	812	41.9	2.5	39.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	9.9	24.6	4.9	0.0
74.1	3,985	86.6	26.6	60.0	0.5	0.8	16.8	8.5	21.3	31.9	5.8	1.0
74.2	9,229	81.0	20.9	60.1	0.2	1.5	13.4	5.7	23.2	27.6	8.3	1.0
74.4	6,030	44.6	13.4	31.2	0.5	0.5	6.0	6.5	12.4	14.4	3.6	0.7
74.5	7,222	60.5	15.8	44.7	0.1	0.4	10.9	4.3	14.7	24.9	4.7	0.4
75.1	6,394	84.5	23.1	61.3	0.6	1.3	13.8	7.5	26.4	29.2	5.3	0.3
75.2	4,136	64.3	15.2	49.1	0.5	0.2	10.9	3.6	24.9	20.1	3.6	0.5
76.1	5,893	64.0	18.0	46.0	0.5	0.5	13.4	3.6	19.2	19.9	6.3	0.7
76.2	8,658	67.3	13.9	53.5	0.2	0.8	11.3	1.5	18.4	28.5	6.5	0.1
76.3	4,536	106.0	23.8	82.2	0.2	0.9	18.5	4.2	26.7	47.4	7.9	0.2
77.1	5,552	68.3	16.9	51.3	0.2	0.7	12.2	3.0	25.8	20.0	5.0	0.5
77.2	7,082	44.1	9.3	34.7	0.4	0.1	7.3	1.4	13.4	15.7	5.4	0.3
77.3	6,849	64.8	19.6	45.3	0.3	0.9	12.0	6.4	24.5	16.2	3.8	0.7
77.5	11,590	48.1	12.4	35.6	0.1	0.7	6.3	5.3	11.7	17.2	6.4	0.3
77.6	5,593	51.0	14.7	36.3	0.2	1.4	8.4	4.6	16.4	15.4	3.2	1.3
77.7	4,780	56.3	13.4	42.9	0.0	0.4	9.2	3.8	10.0	26.4	6.3	0.2
78.1	6,828	61.2	20.4	40.9	0.1	0.9	11.7	7.6	14.8	20.4	5.1	0.6
78.2	6,352	72.7	18.7	54.0	0.5	1.3	13.4	3.6	12.1	37.2	4.6	0.2
78.3	4,966	65.2	20.1	45.1	0.2	0.4	12.7	6.8	18.3	21.9	4.0	0.8
78.4	3,885	81.3	26.0	55.3	0.5	1.5	16.0	8.0	20.6	28.1	5.9	0.8
78.5	6,413	57.2	16.1	41.2	0.3	0.3	9.7	5.8	13.4	23.9	3.7	0.2
78.7	2,501	59.6	12.0	47.6	0.0	0.8	7.6	3.6	20.0	20.0	7.2	0.4
78.8	5,927	67.5	22.9	44.5	1.0	0.8	14.7	6.4	12.5	22.1	9.6	0.3
79.1	4,654	49.2	15.3	33.9	0.6	0.4	9.0	5.2	14.0	14.2	5.6	0.2
79.2	2,437	72.2	17.2	55.0	1.2	1.2	12.3	2.5	18.5	30.8	4.9	0.8
80.1	3,498	62.6	19.7	42.9	0.3	0.3	12.6	6.6	19.2	21.4	2.3	0.0
80.2	3,520	78.4	23.3	55.1	1.1	0.0	16.5	5.7	52.2	28.7	4.3	0.0
81.0	3,200	89.7	16.6	73.1	0.0	0.3	12.5	3.8	33.4	34.4	5.3	0.0
82.0	2,517	152.2	17.9	134.3	0.4	0.8	14.3	2.4	38.1	89.4	6.8	0.0
83.1	2,377	222.5	37.9	184.7	1.3	0.4	30.7	5.5	76.6	98.0	9.7	0.4
83.2	2,349	155.4	34.9	120.5	0.4	0.9	26.8	6.8	46.4	69.0	4.7	0.4
84.0	4,460	108.7	37.2	71.5	0.4	0.9	23.3	12.6	32.7	33.4	4.0	1.3
85.0	4,312	148.4	39.7	108.8	0.2	0.2	27.1	12.1	39.2	59.6	9.0	0.9
86.0	533	825.5	129.5	696.1	3.8	0.0	95.7	30.0	112.6	500.9	78.8	3.8
87.0	5,260	76.2	17.1	59.1	0.0	0.2	10.8	6.1	25.3	27.9	5.3	0.6
88.1	6,009	118.2	17.5	100.7	0.5	0.7	9.5	6.8	36.8	50.3	13.3	0.3

Table 2.A (cont.)

Census Tract	Total Population	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
88.2	5,224	58.4	15.3	43.1	0.0	0.8	8.8	5.7	19.0	20.5	3.3	0.4
89.1	3,728	46.9	8.0	38.9	0.3	0.3	5.4	2.4	15.3	18.2	5.4	0.0
89.2	4,249	65.2	19.1	46.1	0.2	0.5	12.5	5.9	13.9	27.8	4.0	0.5
90.0	2,980	204.4	26.8	177.5	0.0	0.7	21.8	4.4	57.0	103.0	16.8	0.7
91.1	3,993	66.1	10.8	55.3	0.0	1.0	7.3	2.5	19.3	31.3	4.8	0.0
91.2	5,465	74.7	13.2	61.5	0.2	0.9	9.7	2.4	18.1	36.2	6.6	0.5
92.0	9,002	62.3	10.3	52.0	0.1	0.6	6.7	3.0	16.0	28.4	5.3	2.2
93.0	16,042	102.9	17.9	85.1	0.2	0.3	13.2	4.1	29.6	47.5	7.9	0.0
94.0	5,049	58.2	11.1	47.1	0.2	0.0	9.7	1.2	20.0	24.2	3.0	0.0
95.1	4,341	71.9	7.6	64.3	0.2	0.7	4.6	2.1	22.1	38.2	3.7	0.2
95.2	7,207	44.1	5.7	38.4	0.1	0.3	4.0	1.2	12.9	21.8	3.5	0.3
95.3	3,899	39.0	3.8	35.1	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.5	11.3	21.0	2.8	0.0
95.5	3,219	73.3	11.2	62.1	0.0	0.3	9.9	0.9	22.4	36.7	3.1	0.0
95.6	5,545	61.5	13.3	48.2	0.0	0.4	10.6	2.3	13.7	28.9	5.6	0.0
96.0	2,082	56.2	11.3	44.7	0.5	0.0	8.2	2.9	1.9	40.8	1.9	0.0
97.0	4,559	79.6	22.6	57.0	0.0	0.9	13.2	8.6	18.2	32.5	5.7	0.7
98.0	6,353	62.3	24.9	37.5	0.6	0.8	13.5	9.9	14.6	16.2	4.7	1.9
TOTAL	637,651	101.3	20.2	81.1	0.3	0.7	14.1	5.1	25.6	48.9	6.0	0.5

SOURCE: Reported Offenses: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data obtained from computerized records on March 17, 1981.
Total Population: U.S. Bureau of Census, "Census of Population and Housing. 1980—P.L. 94-171 Counts."

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